

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 24, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Ever Present God, the Ultimate Source of Goodness and Truth, our daily intention is to focus our attention on You, Your ways for successful living and on the day's legislative challenges and opportunities for serving others. We pray for Your help as we struggle to address each day's legislative proposals and the various needs of people in our communities. Your gift of wisdom enables us, in our diverse society, to resolve in a thoughtful and mature manner, conflicting political and philosophical views and goals. Teach us to recognize and respect, at all times, the basic rights and dignity of each person in our society, for we have been created by You for a purpose.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resignation of Representative Knuuttila of Gardner.

The following communication, received by the Clerk from the office of the Speaker, on Friday, October 21, 2005, was read for the information of the House; and placed on file.

October 21, 2005.

The Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker, Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room #356
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Resignation of
Representative
Peter J.
Knuuttila of
Gardner.

I write today to advise you with great appreciation and respect of my decision to resign my seat as the elected State Representative for the Second Worcester District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I have been presented with a wonderful opportunity to work for Sheriff Guy W. Glodis as his General Counsel at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction beginning on Monday, October 24, 2005. Accordingly, my employment as a member of this great House will end on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at twelve o'clock midnight.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss my fellow colleagues immensely, but I will particularly miss my close relationship with you. Your leadership of this House over the past several months has been undertaken with the personal attributes that so many have come to know: honesty, integrity and sensitivity to the needs of others.

I thank you warmly for your friendship through the years. As always, I remain

Respectfully yours,

BRIAN KNUUTTILA,
State Representative,
Second Worcester District.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) congratulating St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Bedford, Massachusetts on its fiftieth anniversary;

St. Paul's
Church.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) on the occasion of the retirement of firefighter Raymond S. Bennett; and

Raymond S.
Bennett.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) on the occasion of the retirement of firefighter Christopher Cowley;

Christopher
Cowley.

Mrs. Parente of Milford, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Expediting receipt of certain federal funds (Senate, No. 2128) (on a petition);

Federal
funds.

Establishing benefits for veterans and their dependents (Senate, No. 2171) (on Senate, Nos. 1981 and 1986 and House, Nos. 1713 and 2904);

Veterans
benefits.

Relative to harbor master training and curriculum certification (Senate, No. 2178, amended in section 2 (as printed), in line 6, striking out the figures "10" and inserting in place thereof the figures "11", in line 12, inserting after the word "Colonel" the following: "I shall be the harbor master of the city of Boston"; and in section 3, in line 12, inserting after the word "Fund" (stricken by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading) the following sentence: "Monies credited to the fund shall be expended by the council without further appropriation.") (on Senate, No. 506);

Harbor master
certification.

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management to lease a certain parcel of land in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2181) (on Senate, No. 49);

Boston,
land.

Smart growth
zoning.

Relative to smart growth zoning and housing production (Senate, No. 2237) (on Senate, No. 149);

Gang
violence.

To reduce gang violence (Senate, No. 2242, amended inserting after section 3 (as printed) the following section:

“SECTION 7A. Section 28 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Any officer authorized to serve criminal process may arrest, without a warrant, any person whom the officer knows has committed a violation of any term of his probation in public view. The terms of probation for an individual shall be readily accessible to the officer through the board of probation screen in the criminal justice management information system.”) (on Senate bill, No. 2133);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committees.

Revolvers,
single
action.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of James B. Eldridge for legislation to further define single action revolvers under the firearms laws of the Commonwealth. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.